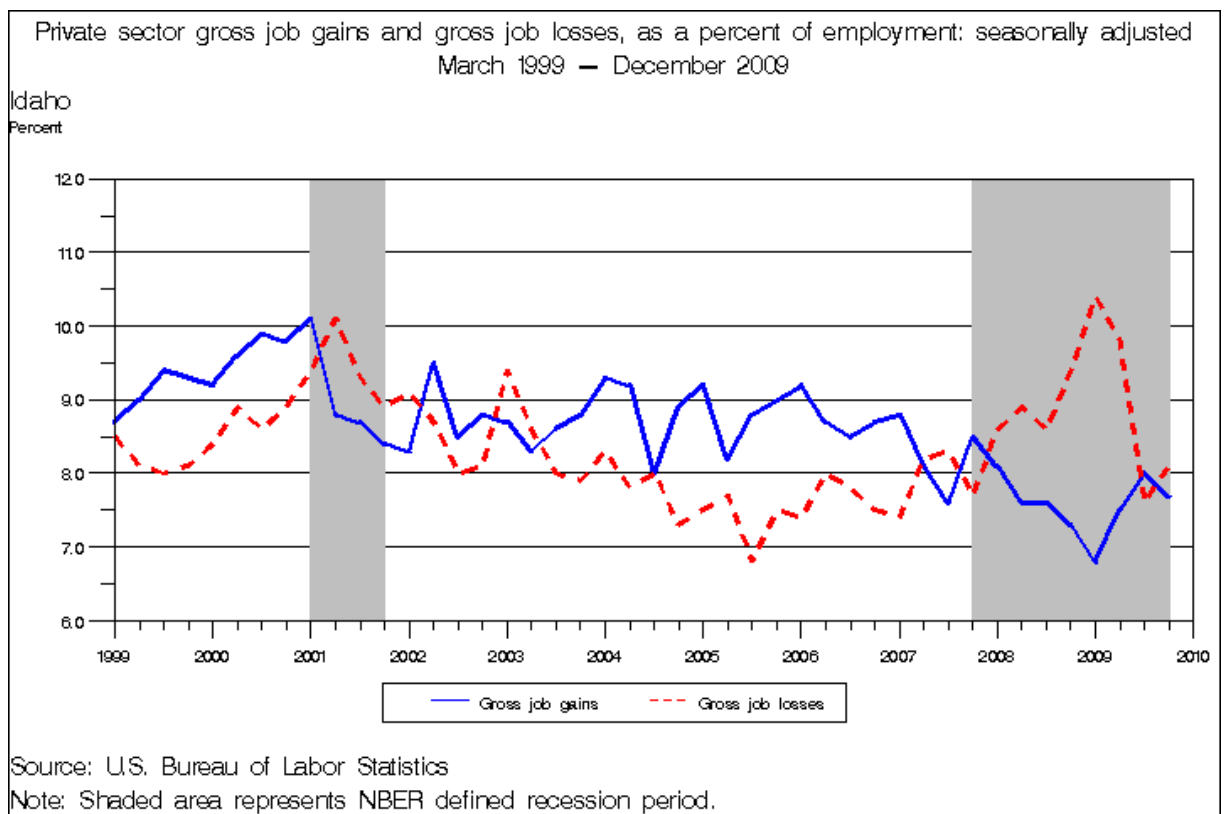


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## Trends in Gross Job Gains and Job Losses

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Opening and expanding private sector business establishments in Idaho gained 38,187 jobs in the fourth quarter of 2009. Over the quarter, expanding establishments added 29,487 jobs, while opening establishments added 8,700. Gross job gains were lower than in the previous quarter at opening establishments and higher at expanding establishments.



Gross job losses totaled 40,114 in the fourth quarter of 2009. Contracting establishments lost 31,618 jobs, while closing establishments accounted for a loss of 8,496. (See table A.)

**Table A. 3-month private sector gross job gains and losses, seasonally adjusted**

Category	3 months ended				
	Dec. 2008	Mar. 2009	June 2009	Sep. 2009	Dec. 2009
	<b>Levels</b>				
Gross job gains.....	38,827	35,289	37,691	39,334	38,187
At expanding establishments ...	29,162	25,997	29,546	31,070	29,487
At opening establishments.....	9,665	9,292	8,145	8,264	8,700
Gross job losses.....	49,612	54,035	48,908	38,018	40,114
At contracting establishments ...	40,290	44,143	38,130	29,392	31,618
At closing establishments.....	9,322	9,892	10,778	8,626	8,496
Net employment change <sup>1</sup> .....	-10,785	-18,746	-11,217	1,316	-1,927

<sup>1</sup> The net employment change is the difference between total gross job gains and total gross job losses. See the Technical Note for further information.